

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the formal objections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks and amendments herewith, and the enclosures herewith which include a Claim of Priority and certified copies of GB9604709.7, GB 9605725.2, GB9603325.3, and GB9625334.9.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that the claims are allowable.

The Ex Parte Quale Action required the amendment of allowed claims 7, 8, 10, 11 and 16-20 in order to remove non-elected subject matter. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment herewith has complied with this requirement by specifying that "the group Polycycle is a steroidal ring system".

The Ex Parte Quale Action also indicated that certified copies of the priority documents had not yet been received by the Patent Office. Accordingly, enclosed is a Claim of Priority along with certified copies of GB9604709.7, GB9605725.2, GB9603325.3, and GB9625334.9.

Additionally, the Ex Parte Quale Action also requested amendment of the "Related Applications" section on page one of the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment herewith has updated the status of those applications from which the present application claims priority.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments, remarks, and enclosures herewith.

If any issue remains as an impediment to allowance, an interview with the Examiner is respectfully requested, prior to issuance of any paper other than a Notice of Allowance; and, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to arrange a mutually convenient time and manner for such an interview.

The undersigned looks forward to hearing favorably from the Examiner at an early date, and again thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended in the *Ex parte Quale* action.

Respectfully submitted,

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